

REMARKS

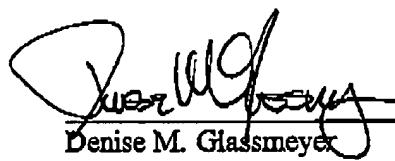
In response to the Communication of May 14, 2004, please enter the following Supplemental Amendment in the above-identified matter. The Applicants thank Examiner James Hook for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of April 15, 2004. During that interview, claims 1 and 50 were discussed in conjunction with the Iorio ('223) and Kitamura ('354) references. Agreement was not reached regarding these claims. The substance of the interview included description of the general nature of what was agreed to, if an agreement could be reached upon further consideration of written remarks and claims. The proposed changes to claims 1 and 50 were not attached to the Interview Summary. However, these changes have been integrated into the proposed amended claims submitted in the amendatory response of April 28, 2004. These changes are directed to the fact that the present invention teaches thicker layers than that achievable by the Kitamura reference in the primer layer. Additionally, the Kitamura reference does not teach the phenol materials set forth in the present invention.

The Examiner indicated that such changes may read over prior art rejections currently being applied. However, it was unclear at the time of the interview whether such changes would be allowable without further search and consideration, since the proposed changes may raise issues that were not previously presented or searched. Upon filing of an amendment with proper arguments, it was concluded that the Application may be placed in a condition for allowance. However, the Examiner reserved comment until further search and consideration were performed.

The amendment to the claims incorporating this discussion was submitted on April 28, 2004. This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted to provide a complete record in this matter and to fulfil the applicants' duty to provide a statement of the substance of the interview. Consideration of the Amendment filed April 28, 2004 and the present Supplemental Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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